

April 30, 1953.

Dear Dr. Bernstein:

Yours of the 27th just received. Air-postal Service must be improving.!

I am pleased at your constructive understanding of the hypothetical problem of selective service. Still, I imagine a student visa will make for the best course. This forewarning also suggests the advisability of your bringing over ~~many~~ originals or certified copies of all documents that might have any bearing on your citizenship, military service, and so on.

--To return to the hypothetical question, the toils of the law have sometimes caught people unawares, though their problems will usually be straightened out in the end. I am told that (God knows why!) the UK is one of the few nations with ~~whom~~ whom the US has not signed a reciprocity treaty to govern selective service of foreign nationals, ~~for~~ and for this reason a local draft board might (and has been known) to)thumb its nose at another sovereign. But enough of such legalisms.--

Please do not feel that I have been in any way overburdened by looking out for these matters. I shall be very sorry if you hesitate to bring up any question on which I can be of any assistance.

I enclose copies of a letter of tender. If my own signature does not carry sufficient weight, I will endeavour to have the same forms made out by the Dean, or whomever.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg

P.S. I trust that your passport or your visa application will indicate your military reserve status.